Food contamination and how to prevent

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Food contamination is a public health issue. Contamination is when something unpleasant or harmful ends up in food, and this can happen in one of three ways: physical, chemical and biological contamination. Cross-contamination happens when harmful bacteria from one food or kitchen surface, equipment, or hands is transferred to another food. It is especially dangerous if spread on to ready-to-eat food that won’t undergo any further treatment (such as cooking) that would usually kill the bacteria and make the food safe. Meat and poultry may become contaminated during slaughter by small amounts of intestinal contents. Fresh fruits and vegetables can be contaminated if they are washed with water that is contaminated by animal manure or human sewage. At the household level, food contamination can be prevented if the person assigned in the family to handle food adopts hygienic practices. One should be mindful and use safe water and raw materials in either cooking or consuming food. Food-borne diseases are infections of the gastrointestinal tract. These happen when one consumes food or beverages contaminated with harmful bacteria, viruses, parasites, and chemicals.

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